Scheme for Self Employment of Ex-Servicemen

2676. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA: SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have started a new self employment Scheme 'SEMFEX-III' for ex-servicemen, war-widows and disabled services personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons likely to be benefited under the scheme during 1991 and 1992?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). A new self-employment scheme called SEMFEX-III (self-Employment for Ex-Servicemen) was launched 15th October, 1991 in collaboration with the Khadi and village Industries Commission, Bombay. this Scheme aims at providing extensive self-employment and widows of ex-Servicemen, disabled Service personnel and widows of ex-Servicemen through promotion and development of village industries, including Khadi, coming under the purview of the Khadi and village Industries commission all over the country, particularly in the rural areas. All ex-Servicemen, their widows and and disabled ex-Servicemen not below 21 years of age are eligible to take up self-employment ventures under this Scheme, irrespective of their income. Financial assistance for such ventures, by way of loans, is provided under a liberalised pattern of assistance by the Khadi and village Industries Commission/Khadi and Village Industries Board. The assistance under the Scheme is also available to the registered institutions/co-operative societies of the ex-Servicemen. Besides financial assistance by way of loans, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission also provides necessary training to the desirous beneficiaries at its training centres all over the country.

(c) The Scheme has been launched only recently. It is not possible to forecast the number of beneficiaries at this stage.

Grant to Kerala State Road Transport

2677. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government of Kerala has sought any grant from the Union government to enable it to maintain the present rate of fares in state Road Transport buses inspite of like in prices of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLIER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Sainik School Sujanpur Tira Himachal Pradesh

2678. SHRI D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of income and expenditure of the Sainik School, Sujanpur Tira (Himachal Pradesh) for the last two years; and

(b) the steps taken for the progress of the school during this period?